

TABLES

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belconnen United	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Weston Creek	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Monaro	2	1	1	0	8	1	5
Uni of Canberra	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
Canberra Olympic	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Burns Club	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Canberra Deakin	2	0	1	1	2	3	2
Capital City Suns	2	0	1	1	2	3	2
Juventus	2	0	1	1	3	6	2
Queanbeyan City	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

Under 23s

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaro	2	2	0	0	22	1	6
Uni of Canberra	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Belconnen United	2	2	0	0	10	7	6
Canberra Olympic	2	1	1	0	3	2	5
Capital City Suns	2	0	0	1	10	8	3
Weston Creek	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Burns Club	2	0	1	1	1	2	2
Canberra Deakin	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
Juventus	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Queanbeyan City	2	0	0	2	1	25	0

Under 19s

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston Creek	2	2	0	0	12	4	6
Belconnen United	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Uni of Canberra	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Juventus	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Burns Club	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Monaro	2	1	0	1	6	7	3
Canberra Deakin	2	1	0	1	5	8	3
Queanbeyan City	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Canberra Olympic	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Capital City Suns	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

TABLES

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O'Connor Knights	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Tuggeranong Utd	2	2	0	0	7	6	6
ANU	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
White Eagles	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Cooma	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Belwest Foxes	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
ADFA	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Sabres FC	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

Reserve Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belwest Foxes	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
O'Connor Knights	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
ADFA	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
ANU	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Tuggeranong Utd	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
White Eagles	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Sabres FC	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Cooma	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

State League Youth Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tuggeranong Utd	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Belwest Foxes	2	1	0	1	10	6	3
Belconnen Utd	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Radford	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Belsouth	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Southern Spirit	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of Canberra Soccer News. Things are starting to move and now all we need is a sponsor.

You will probably notice the increase in size to 8 pages. It is good to get extra information to you and this week we are able to supply match reports from each of the four WIN Federation Cup quarter finals.

We are happy to state that the number of regular contributors is increasing. Soon, we hope to have every Premier League Division 1 first grade match covered.

Soon our coverage will extend to other Divisions plus the Premier League 2 and State Leagues.

Onto this weekend's games. My predictions are on page 6, but we can see that certain teams have started well and that there will be the odd surprise result or two before the teams start to settle in.

Weston Creek are no doubt the form team of the competition and it would be hard pick against them. How long can they keep this up? Deakin appear to be consolidating whilst Olympic are sorting themselves out.

Hopefully, we'll see some real good football this weekend, so enjoy the games.

Nick Guoth

WHYTE HATRICK GIVES BELS WIN

Belconnen United moved to the top of the table on the weekend when they defeated Gungahlin Juventus 5-2 last Sunday.

A hatrick from Matthew Whyte was one of the highlights of a game that didn't provide the spectators with much.

The turning point in the game came when Juventus' keeper Elias Oikarinen was sent off for handling the ball outside the penalty area. His dismissal was a blow to the team.

Juventus came out of the blocks more intent and scored in the 5th minute. A free kick to the far post was met by Igor Causoki whose shot was deflected in by Oscar Zamora.

Belconnen tried hard to get their shape and in the first 25 minutes were frustrated by their own errors and a solid defence led by Tony Rinaudo.

For a fifteen minute period late in the half Belconnen began to dominate and during this time took their chances.

Half an hour in and a Luke Larfield cross found Matt Whyte lurking behind the defence unmarked. He easily beat the keeper from 10 metres out.

A few minutes later Frank Barresi had a chance to regain the lead for Juventus, when he broke through, but with players on him, his shot went inches wide.

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Then with ten to go in the half, a Lee Pietrukowski throw found Jason Dunn who's header was only palmed away by the 'keeper. Whyte came in at the far post and put away the rebound.

The second half started quietly with Juventus applying the pressure, their best chance falling to Lou Gaspari who saw his header just palmed over the bar.

Then half-way through the second period, Oikarinen came out to challenge Craig Unwin for the ball, some 30m from his goal. Craig's attempted chip shot went straight into the 'keeper's arms and that was a red card for the Oikarinen.

With only ten men Juventus fought hard and rightfully gained an equaliser six minutes later. John Markezic sent the ball to the middle of the field for Zamora. His attempted shot slewed off his boot and found Gaspari. Now in behind the defence he beat the 'keeper at the near post.

A few more minutes on and Belconnen started to make the extra man count. A cross from Larfield was met by substitute Damian Tunney at the near post and his little chip went over Dennis Langone who was now in goal for Juventus.

Three more and Tunney became provider when his cross went to the far post and found Whyte to complete his hatrick with a solid header.

Juventus had one more chance after a corner kick was met by Craig Rankine, but his header went agonisingly wide.

Finally in the dying minutes, well into time added-on, a cross was challenged well by Peter Farrelly and the ball fell to Larfield, who at close range rifled it past Langone.

Bels coach Lino Fiorese was happy with the three points, but not with the way the team played. "We were pretty poor early on and only got into the game for 15 minutes during the first half.

"I was dissapointed with the crosses and the way we gave the ball away too easily.

"The turning point of the game was the sending off of the goalkeeper. Even after that we struggled, but we did take our chances."

WESTON OVERPOWER OLYMPIC

BY DYLAN DURIE

Two second half goals from Steve Lazzari handed Weston Creek a convincing 3-0 victory over Canberra Olympic in their ACT Premier League clash at O'Conner Oval on Sunday.

Lazzari struck in the 57th and 83rd minutes after Peter Hader had given Royals a 1-0 lead with a free back post header from a Martin Lazzari corner in first half injury time.

Lazzari's first was set-up by midfield play maker Yushi Sato who beat his man then slid a pin point through ball on to Lazzari who finished first time. His second was identical to Hader's goal, also from a Martin Lazzari corner showing 'keeper David Collins frailty under the high ball.

Olympic had enough possession to trouble Royals but simply could not find an effective final ball to break the rigid Weston Creek defence.

Royals' coach Jimmy Bland was clearly ecstatic about the win, pumping his fists on the way off the ground after labelling the victory "a great collective performance" by his team.

DEAKIN HOLD OUT SUNS IN EXCITING GAME

At Deakin Oval, Canberra Deakin and Capital City Suns shared the points in a tight match.

Suns scored first through David Stambolziev around halfway through the first period and then with ten minutes left in the half, Anthony Barac equalised for Deakin.

Ten minutes into the second stanza and a handball presented Suns with a penalty. Gus Cerro put that away to regain the lead for his team.

But only 7 minutes later Andy Rakic was brought down in the box at the other end and Deakin had their chance with a penalty. Ben Deighan scored to tie up the scores again.

Tony Lemezina came on immediately after this and helped spark the Suns attack, but the defences held out.

The hard work showed on the defences late in the game as they were both tiring and this helped to open up the game with both teams striving for a winner.

With only 30 second remaining, Lemezina showed some of his magic beating three players on his way to goal, only to see his shot pass the post by inches.

For Deakin Gaby Exposito and Anthony Barac had good games whilst Tony Giannasca was solid and showed good leadership in goals for the Suns and Gus Cerro dominated the midfield for them.

MONARO GO ON RIVERSIDE RAMPAGE

Riverside Oval was the scene of what looks to be a regular fortnightly occurrence when Queanbeyan City Lions were trounced 7-0 by Monaro.

Hatricks went to both Lazar Simeonov and Danny Macor and Jimmy Baxter scored the extra goal.

Monaro coach Ian Heywood was happy that his team did what he wanted in scoring a lot of goals.

BURNS WIN FIRST MATCH OF SEASON

Burns Club registered their first win of the season. They defeated University of Canberra 2-0 at the Uni's grounds.

Both goals came in the first half and both from set plays.

After 20 minutes a long throw was flicked on and found Andrew Wallace to head in.

The second came from a corner with Josh Turco finishing off for Burns.

Steve Bryant, coach of the victorious Burns, said "we played a lot better than previous weeks. Our game plan was a lot better than theirs.

"This was a prized scalp as University are one of the form teams. I was very happy with the way we came forward." he said.

Rod Lynes on the other side was disappointed. "I felt we were outfought and outplayed", he said. Rod was also unhappy about conceding two goals from set plays.

WIN FEDERATION CUP COVERAGE

ALL TOP SEEDS GO THROUGH TO SEMIS

All four WIN Federation Cup quarter-finals went to the top seeded team from the original 4 Pools. Some of the games were close, but only one posed a possibility of traversing into the realms of extra-time.

On Wednesday evening Canberra Olympic played University of Canberra and Canberra Deakin met Burns Club. The Thursday night doubleheader saw two replays from the past weekend. Gungahlin Juventus challenged Monaro and Belconnen United fought out with Capital City Suns.

OLYMPIC STAY ALIVE IN FED CUP

by Greg Welsh

Canberra Olympic kept alive their hopes of taking out the Federation Cup with a 3-2 quarterfinal win against University of Canberra at Greenway Oval on Wednesday night.

Despite Dominic Bartone's brace of goals for University, Olympic dominated the match throughout, and but for a combination of poor finishing and desperate defending from Uni, Olympic would have recorded a more comfortable victory.

Bartone caught the Olympic defence napping in the second minute with a sweetly-timed shot from the edge of the box, but from then on Olympic took control.

Geoff Howarth and Elia Salloum each notched up first-half goals as the University defence wilted under constant pressure. An own-goal in the 35th minute stretched Olympic's lead to 3-1, and it seemed a rout was on the cards.

However, University emerged from the half-time break a better organised defensive unit, and Bartone's second goal 10 minutes from full-time threatened an unlikely comeback.

Canberra Olympic coach Baz Giampaolo warned his players after the match that they could not afford to get cocky against less-fancied opposition, while University of Canberra coach Rod Lynes was left to ponder what could have been.

"I thought our second half was a lot better," Lynes said. "Some of our set plays there at the end, if we'd maybe executed them a bit better we could've got a draw and maybe gone to penalties. But we can't concede three goals like that and expect to get things out of games."

DEAKIN TOO GOOD FOR BURNS

by Dylan Durie

Anthony Rakic scored a hat-trick as Canberra Deakin beat Burns Club 5-1 in their Federation Cup quarter-final at Greenway Oval last Thursday night.

Deakin took control from the beginning and never looked back after taking the lead through Michael Barac in the 29th minute.

Defensive lapses cost Burns with 'keeper Matt Malgaard letting a long range effort slip through his fingers for Rakic's first goal, before hesitation allowed Vince Bodo to slip between 3 defenders and slam home a cross for a 3-0 half time lead.

An Andrew Wallace near post header from a pinpoint Scott Hayes cross gave Burns some hope early in the second half but Rakic's second, a left foot strike with 15 minutes remaining, put the result beyond doubt.

Rakic completed his hat-trick in the dying minutes as the tired Burns defence allowed Deakin to run at them in numbers, the goal coming after a Gaby Exposito shot was blocked into Rakic's path.

Deakin coach Ian Shaw said he was "very happy with the performance" of his side and that "team work was the outstanding feature." His Burns counterpart Steve Bryant said his young team "have a long way to go but will learn."

MONARO TAKE ITALIAN DERBY - PART 2

The first match on Thursday night saw the Italian derby between Monaro and Gungahlin Juventus. The previous Sunday the two teams drew 1-1 in the opening round of the season. This time Monaro were dominant and won 2-1.

Both Monaro goals came in the first twenty minutes, yet they had chances throughout the match. Danny Macor, the guilty one for spurning most of them.

After only ten minutes Macor pressurised the defence into a horrendous error such that the ball was passed to his striking partner, Lazar Simeonov, who only needed to tap in to an empty net.

Then another ten minutes and it was 2-0 to Monaro. A clearance from defence found Joe Campagna on the right wing. He looked up and chipped the keeper from over 30m out.

Juventus were able to manage a late consolation goal when Oscar Zamora crossed for George Cattanach to score with a header.

Both coaches agreed that Monaro were the better team. Ian Heywood said "we were the better side and outplayed them throughout", while losing coach Billy Willox stated "the first half destroyed us and we were always chasing."

SUNS FALL TO BELCONNEN IN CONTROVERSIAL FINISH

The second half of the Thursday double was always going to be a close match. Belconnen had already defeated Capital City Suns 1-0 the previous Sunday. This time Belconnen repeated its win with a 3-2 scoreline, lest to say the final goal was a penalty in extra-time.

Belconnen played the first half with the wind, yet it was the Suns who took advantage of lax passing and hustling in the midfield to set up a number of chances for their forwards.

A little under half an hour saw a through ball come to Tony Lemezina. His layoff was in the path of Gus Cerro who met the ball at the same time as Bels' keeper Mark Smith. The rebound favoured the striker as the ball continued on its path to goal.

Into the second half and a lazy start exploded over a ten minute period, midway through the half, with 3 goals. Belconnen were starting to emerge and deservedly took the initiative with two goals.

The first came with Jason Dunn sending a long pass to Scott Manson who set up Craig Unwin to deflect the ball past Tony Giannasca and tie up the scoreline.

This was followed only 7 minutes later when Matt Whyte put Unwin through for a one-on-one with Giannasca which he polished off with ease.

Yet, it took less than 2 minutes for the Suns to equalise. A freekick was floated into the box by Gus Cerro and found Peter Romaniuk to loop his header over Smith.

Extra-time looked a real possibility when in the dying seconds Belconnen were awarded a penalty after Giannasca fouled Peter Farrelly. Manson put away the kick and his side moved onto the semi-finals.

Bels coach Lino Fiorese said "I thought we deserved the result in the end." Whilst Bill Dojcinowski was fuming over the penalty. "The game was alright. We gave our best, and we had a few chances to put it away, but this was an unfair result" he said

DRAW FOR SEMI-FINALS

Wed April 28th
Greenway Oval
6pm: Belconnen United v Canberra Olympic
8pm: Monaro v Canberra Deakin

The FINAL will be on Sunday May 16th.

LATEST NEWS

Former Belconnen United and ACT representative goalkeeper, Blair Machin has been selected to represent West Scotland in a four team tournament involving selections from North, East, South and West Scotland.

Blair is currently playing for Queens Park who are lying 7th in the Scottish League Division Three. The tournament involves selection of players from Division's Two and Three.

CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS PREDICTIONS FOR ROUND 3

Match of the Round
Canberra Deakin v Canberra Olympic
Sat April 24 - Bruce Stadium
I predict Deakin to take this out in a tight match with the possibility of a draw. Both teams have injuries, but Deakin are just that bit more committed at the moment.
PICK: CANBERRA DEAKIN

Gungahlin Juventus v Capital City Suns
Sun Apr 25 - Jamison Oval
With the sad and sorry state of Jamison Oval, the flowing games of both teams could be disrupted. Juve need to bounce back from the defeat to Belconnen last week. It will be too hard.
PICK: CAPITAL CITY SUNS

Weston Creek Royals v Uni of Canberra
Sun Apr 25 - Woden Park
Weston are on a roll while the students came back to earth when they lost to Burns last week. Uni will fight hard, but the addition of Hader now will tip the balance to the Creek.
PICK: WESTON CREEK ROYALS

Queanbeyan City Lions v Belconnen United
Sun Apr 25 - Riverside Stadium
Top versus bottom says it all. For the Lions to get anything out of this there would need to be a miracle. Expect another goal feast.
PICK: BELCONNEN UNITED

Burns Club v Monaro
Sun Apr 25 - Greenway Oval
The new boys versus one of the expected finalists. Burns have a win under their belt, and may come out with a lot of confidence, but experience should push Monaro through.
PICK: MONARO



Australian Schools Soccer MEDIA RELEASE

ACT SCHOOLBOYS 1999

The trials for the 1999 ACT Schoolboys' team will be held on Thursday 22nd April (3-4 pm) at AIS Practice Fields, on Thursday 29th April (3-4 pm) at Kambah #2 and next Saturday 1st May (9.30-10.30 am) at the AIS Practice Fields.

The National Schools Championships are to be held in Canberra this year, from the 1st-7th August at the AIS, and an Australian Schoolboys team will be selected at these Championships to tour the UK in December 1999. On this tour, Schools Internationals will be played against England, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, as well as club sides such as Liverpool, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, West Ham and Fulham. A second Australian Schoolboys team will also be selected at these Championships to go to Fiji to play the Fiji Olympic team in January 2000.

Last year a number of ACT Schoolboys went on to play for the ACT Academy of Sport team, and Heath Gillett (St Edmunds College and Monaro FC) represented Australian Schoolboys in Internationals against Wales, New Zealand and Fiji, while vice-captain Michael Turnbull (Lake Ginninderra College and AIS) recently played for the Young Socceroos in the World Youth Championships in Nigeria.

Former ACT Schoolboys players who are currently Socceroos are: Ned Zelic, Craig Moore, Simon Colosimo and Steve Horvat. Former ACT Schoolboys who currently play National League are: Brad Maloney (Marconi), Ilija Prenzoski & Doug Marcina (Cosmos), Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne), John Gibson & Aaron Westervelt (West Adelaide), Barney Smith (Sydney United) and Manis Lamond (Marconi).

Also, this year, the ACT Schoolboys' team have been invited into the Youth Tournament at the Soccer Expo on June 11-13 to be held at the Olympic Village, where an opportunity will be to participate in workshops and meet stars such as Gianluca Vialli, Craig Foster, Nick Rizzo, Robbie Slater, Graham Arnold, Mark Viduka, Mark Bosnich, Harry Kewell, Chelsea club players and other Socceroos.

Students at every school in the ACT (Government and non-government) are eligible to attend.

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